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In our peregrinations to and fro in the world in which we live, we often meet "the man on the street." We give him a nod of slight recognition, pass on, and forget him. If we knew something of his parentage, birth, education, or the activities of his early history, he would be to us an object of far greater interest and perhaps of much greater respect.

We live fast in these days. Events of the past would be crowded out of memory but for the historian who gives the youth of the present day the experience of the past without its grey hairs, wrinkles and angularities. The writer once heard a young aspirant to office abruptly address an aged member of the society with which both were connected, with the question, "What good have you ever done?" Long years before that youth was born, when church building in our village was a work of great self-denial, and indomitable perseverance, with no gigantic church debt to assist, that veteran, in every laudable undertaking, helped to lay the foundation and raise the superstructure of the very church whose privileges that young man then enjoyed. The pioneers of our civilization are soon forgotten, but as Shakespeare somewhere observes, "Instructed by the antiquarian, Time, Man must, he is, he cannot but be wise."

Some years ago there resided in our village an intelligent German. He was a good conversationalist, so that in various calls at the home of the writer, his early history was elicited—a short sketch of which it is proposed to give in a couple of columns of THE LIBERAL, with the kind permission of the editor.

Our German friend was born in Verteburg, Germany, Sept. 5th, 1810. During the first fourteen years of his life he attended Public and High Schools, was sent to college and became a student in the University at Tubergam. After two years' study, much against his parents' wish, who intended him for a professional life, he concluded his school days. During his attendance at these sources of education he had learned to speak fluently German, French, Latin, Hebrew and Greek. He had to come to America to learn English, the most difficult of all.

When he left the University he had a strong inclination to be a soldier. This ambition was inherited from his parents, their ancestors having been prominent in military circles. His uncle was Colonel Rampacher, Sergeant-General in the German Army. Our friend entered the military school where he remained until the war broke out between Turkey and Greece. He enlisted and fought against the Turks. The war ended, he got his discharge, and returned home.

During the exciting scenes of 1830, when Belgium was struggling for its independence, he thought it a favorable opportunity to again enjoy a soldier's life. He again enlisted. He was in several engagements and in the battle of Antwerp, but fortunately came through unharmed. On peace being proclaimed he returned home. On his arrival he found his father at the point of death. At the time of his death his father was Mayor of Nordemer, and had been Member of Congress at Wurtemberg for ten years.

In 1834 our soldier resolved to start for America, where he arrived in the best of health and a well filled pocket. Refusing several offers of good situations, and spending his money freely, he soon found himself without means, and a stranger in a strange land. Something had to be done. He enlisted in the United States Army, with the New York Volunteers, under Captain Taylor, and was sent to Florida to fight the Indians. With the Indians several severe engagements were fought, and many of his fellows filled soldiers' graves.

On Christmas Day, 1837, a deputation of Indians waited on Captain Taylor and requested a conference at Otochope with their chiefs on the question of peace with the Government. They were assured that there was no intention of treachery and that the whole army might accompany the officers. The army went, 5000 in number. On the banks of the river the soldiers stacked their arms and knelt to drink at the stream. The Indians, who were concealed in the tree-tops on the opposite bank, fired, killing 133 at one shot. While the army was in confusion the Indians escaped.

On January 25th, 1848, in another attack on the Indians, our soldier received a bullet, from a sharpshooter, which he still carries in his body as a souvenir. After he again became fit for duty he was stationed at Fort Dena. He was sent as an escort twelve miles from the Fort. The company consisted of seventeen men with ammunition and provisions drawn by mules. The night being dark and the

roads muddy, they encamped. Expecting no trouble with the Indians at that place, they left their muskets in the wagon. The Indians stole a march on them at midnight, secured all their arms and ammunition and without warning shot sixteen of the escort. Our soldier escaped in the darkness, returned to camp and reported. With the rank of sergeant prefixed to his name, he was ordered by the commander of the Fort to take twenty men and pursue the midnight assassins. When they arrived at the place the Indians were gone. Their dead companions only were there. These they buried as decently as they could, and continued the pursuit. Overtaking the band, eighteen in number, they killed fifteen at one volley. Taking three prisoners they hanged them on the nearest tree.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)
Markham Council.

The Markham Township Council met at Victoria Hall, Unionville, on Saturday, May 23. Members all present; the reeve in the chair. Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed.

Communications were received from W. Pingle, D. Hoover and J. B. McCall declining to act as road overseers; from County Treasurer, re 1/2 acre, J. C. Miller; from Clerk of Richmond Hill, re rent of toll gate; from County Treasurer, re sale of land for taxes; from License Inspector of East York, and with cheque for \$170 for 1900-01.

A petition was received from Abram Snider and 20 others asking the council to appoint a pound-keeper for Div. 7 (Mount Joy).

Eckardt—Dimma—that the treas. pay J. B. McCall \$18 being two-thirds the value of 2 sheep and 2 lambs killed by dogs.

Dimma—Eckardt—that the clerk be authorized to get blanks printed for making returns to the Division Registrar of contagious diseases as required by statute.

Sisley—Eckardt—that transfer of J. Kendrick's property be cancelled on certain conditions.

Sisley—Dimma—that Mr. Eckardt be commissioner to rebuild bridge between lots 15 and 16, con. 7.

Eckardt—Summerfeldt—that the reeve and mover be commissioners to have bridge repaired opposite lot 12, con. 6.

Eckardt—Summerfeldt—that the council grant \$50 for graveling the road between lots 30 and 31, con. 2, providing the ratepayers in that vicinity do a like amount gratis, and that Mr. Sisley be commissioner to expend the same.

Sisley—Dimma—that this council hereby orders the county treasurer to release the property assessed to J. O. Miller, which was returned to the Co. Treasurer in error, it being assessed along with 100 acres of which it forms a part.

Dimma—Sisley—that the treas. pay Rev. Mr. Lawrence \$3.75, being damage sustained to buggy through defective culvert between lots 20 and 21, con. 6.

Eckardt—Dimma—that this council confirm the grant of \$3 per week to Mrs. J. Spring, the same to continue until the 15th day of June next, in addition to \$1 per week already granted.

On motion the council resolved itself into a Court of Revision, and made the necessary changes, after which the regular business was resumed.

Summerfeldt—Sisley—that a grant of \$50 be expended on sideroad between lots 5 and 6, con. 7.

Summerfeldt—Eckardt—that the treas. pay W. D. Reesor and Walter Scott, assessors, for attending Court of Revision, \$2 each.

Dimma—Eckardt—that the mover and Mr. Summerfeldt be commissioners to take such action as may be necessary under the ditches and water-courses act to drain the road opposite lots 27 and 28 con. 9, and lands adjoining.

Dimma—Summerfeldt—that the reeve be commissioner to repair culvert at lot 17, con. 2; also to renew backwalling in bridge opposite lot 13, con. 2.

Dimma—Eckardt—that \$30 be granted on east townline to be expended opposite lots 2 and 3, on condition that Pickering grant a like amount.

Summerfeldt—Dimma—that Mr. Sisley be commissioner to open ditch opposite lot 18, con. 2.

Eckardt—Summerfeldt—that the reeve be authorized to purchase a steel scraper to be used for the benefit of this municipality.

Dimma—Summerfeldt—that \$75 be granted to gravel sideroads between lots 10 and 11, con. 9.

A by-law was passed appointing Mr. G. Reesor pound-keeper at Mount Joy.

Mr. Summerfeldt introduced a by-law to amend by-law 593, to appoint road overseers in place of those resigned. Committee rose and reported as follows:—No. 6, D. Carswell; 11, John Ness; 12, Wm. Ness, sr.; 37, W. Monkman; 45, Jacob Reesor; 46, A. Williams; 49, J. B. Hoover; 57, S. B. Hoover.

Dimma—Summerfeldt—that the

treas. pay D. James, \$10; A. Quantz, \$2; J. Eckardt, \$3; and W. Scott, \$3, being expenses in connection with application of Metropolitan R. R. before Railroad Committee in the Local Legislature.

A by-law was passed appointing Powell Eckardt operator of pile driver and fixing his duties, at a salary of \$2 per day.

A number of accounts were passed, and the council adjourned to meet again on the 19th of June.

Maple
When the news of British victory came last week, flags were soon flying and the school children were given a holiday. In the evening a huge bonfire was lighted, and there was general rejoicing.

The garden party in connection with the Methodist Church will be held this year on July 2nd.

It has been decided to have the Sabbath School picnic to Lake Wilcox on Saturday, June 16th.

Mr. Joseph Knight of Chicago, is home on a visit to his father, and many other friends here.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Peter Franks of Weston, took place here on Wednesday of last week and was largely attended. Deceased was well known here and was highly respected.

A place of interest to the visitors to our village is Dr. Sisley's trout pond. A large number of evergreens and other plants have been set out around it, and very soon it will be one of the prettiest spots in the country.

Tribute.
To the late Jacob Lahmer, Esq., from the council of Zion Lutheran church of which he was a member.

A great cloud has overshadowed us; a light has departed from our midst; a form we loved has been taken. He, whose words so often cheered and encouraged us has gone from us forever. God, in His wise Providence, has removed our beloved co-worker and his voice is hushed in the unbroken stillness of death. Although this good man has not fallen in life's radiant springtime, nor yet amid the strength of its summer, but in the maturity of its golden autumn, yet to us, as a church council, who through so many years have enjoyed his wise counsels, his inspiring presence, and his faithful services, his death seems untimely; and it saddens us to meet the solemn fact that we shall see his face no more in the flesh. Yet we believe that though the body, active and vigorous through so many years, is cold and lifeless; though his busy brain and loving heart have been paralyzed by the icy hand of death; though the spirit has deserted its house of clay and returned to the God who gave it—still he lives; all that made his life serviceable is imperishable, therefore, Resolved that we cherish his memory as one who has only gone before, and who will be ready and waiting to greet us, as he was wont to greet us here, as we shall go up to our reward.

Resolved that we chronicle his fidelity to the work of the church, emulate his example, and prove ourselves worthy of this mantle that has now fallen upon us.

Resolved that we tender the sorrow-stricken friends our deepest sympathy in their bereavement, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family as a token of our sympathy, and that they be recorded on the minute book of the church.

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